

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Original) An input device which inputs information into an electronic apparatus, comprising:

a hold member which is held by one hand; and
an operation section which is provided on that portion where said operation section is operable by a tip of a finger of said one hand holding said hold member, changes into plural states when operated with said tip of said finger unreleased, and is for inputting information into said electronic apparatus which detects said plural states.

2. (Original) The input device according to claim 1, wherein said operation section is provided approximately perpendicular to an up and down direction of said hold member.

3.-5. (Cancelled)

6. (Currently amended) The input device according to claim ~~4 or 5~~ 1, wherein

said hold member is coupled to a main body having said operation section,
said main body and said hold member are coupled together via a base member,
said main body and said hold member are rotatably coupled to said base member,
and

rotation of the rotational axis at which said main body and said base member are coupled together and rotation of the rotation axis at which said hold member and said base member are coupled together are interlocked with each other.

7.-8. (Cancelled)

9. (Currently amended) The input device according to ~~any one of claims 3 to 8~~ claim 1, wherein said operation section is provided on top and bottom sides of said main body.

10. (Currently amended) The input device according to ~~any one of claim[[s]] 1 to 9~~, wherein said operation section is formed in a shape into which a finger tip fits.

11. (Currently amended) The input device according to ~~any one of claim[[s]] 1 to 9~~, wherein said operation section is so formed as to be restricted in parallel movement in accordance with said plural states, and is restorable in a circumferential direction.

12. (Currently amended) The input device according to ~~any one of claim[[s]] 1 to 11~~, wherein said operation section has a plurality of switches, and detects said plural states with one of or said plurality of switches.

13. (Original) An input device which inputs information into an electronic apparatus, comprising:

an operation section which changes into plural states and is for inputting information into said electronic apparatus which detects said plural states; and a processor which allocates information codes in association with said plural states of said operation section, wherein said information codes allocated by said processor are input into said electronic apparatus.

14. (Original) The input device according to claim 13, wherein said processor has groups of information codes which are hierarchized in association with said operation section and associated with said plural states of said operation section, and determines one information code based on selection of one group of information codes by detecting any of said plural states of said operation section.

15. (Original) The input device according to claim 14, wherein said processor detects one information code by an acceptance-decision operation at said operation section.

16. (Cancelled)

17. (Original) An input device which inputs information into an electronic apparatus, comprising:

an operation section which changes into plural states, and is for inputting information into said electronic apparatus which detects said plural states; and

a processor which allocates information codes in association with said plural states of said operation sections,

wherein said processor has information codes for replacing some of said information codes.

18.-19. (Cancelled)

20. (Currently amended) The input device according to ~~any one of claim[[s]] 13 to 19~~, comprising a display section which displays said plural states of said operation section, or associations of said plural states of said operation section with said information codes allocated by said processor.

21. (Original) The input device according to claim 20, wherein said display section displays said groups of information codes.

22. (Original) The input device according to claim 21, wherein said display section displays a direction of a force to be applied to a finger tip for operating said operation section and an arrangement of said groups of information codes in association with each other.

23. (Currently amended) The input device according to claim 21 ~~or 22~~, wherein said display section emphatically displays said selected group of information codes.

24. (Currently amended) The input device according to ~~any one of claim[[s]] 21 to 23~~, wherein said display section aggregates a candidate table comprising said groups of information codes at a bottom layer, an input-candidate-information code selected from said

candidate table, and input-decision-information code decided by said acceptance-decision operation and displays them.

25. (Currently amended) The input device according to ~~any one of claim~~[[s]] 20 to ~~24~~, wherein all of or a part of a display of said display section is displayed on a display section of said electronic apparatus into which said information code is input.

26. (Currently amended) The input device according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 25~~ claim 20, comprising an analog input section for inputting analog information into an electronic apparatus,
wherein said operation section and analog input section are operable simultaneously.

27. (Cancelled)

28. (Currently amended) The input device according to ~~any one of claim~~[[s]] 1 to ~~27~~, wherein said hold member and said operation section are so provided as to enable an input operation with both hands.

29. (Currently amended) The input device according to ~~any one of claim~~[[s]] 1 to ~~28~~, comprising a display section which displays input information, and allowing a lens which magnifies said display section to be provided.

30. (Cancelled)